

Communique

The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on Wednesday 1 April.

This was the first meeting for 2020. It was scheduled as a face-to-face meeting but changed to a media platform in response to the COVID19 restrictions. Present on the teleconference were IRC members and guests, including State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

The committee welcomed two new IRC members, Peter Vaughan and Megan Flower.

Developing the Draft Annual Update

The IRC discussed the draft Annual Update document and provided feedback, verification of content and supported its uploading onto the Skills Impact website for public consultation.

The committee reaffirmed support for the identified AHC proposed projects in particular

- Mined Land Reclamation

And the Unit Sector projects

- Parks and Gardens
- Landscape Construction and Design (which will cover landscaping qualifications).

The committee will meet again to consider feedback for final content verification prior to submission.

AHLCLM Projects

- **Green Walls and Rooftop Gardens**
- **Conservation and Land Management**

The IRC considered detailed reports from each of the Project Managers in respect to their project progress. Additionally, Project Managers were available to answer questions directly from the Committee to address any questions generated. Industry consultation for both projects has been hindered in 2020 as a result of bushfires and COVID19, which unsurprisingly has caused slight delays. However, there are no changes to the original final submission dates as yet.

The IRC expressed disappointment that endorsement of the Arboriculture CfE was still delayed.

The IRC supported the Indigenous Research proposal and agreed to be a joint partner with the Aquaculture and Wild Catch IRC on the proposal.

Membership

The IRC had a general discussion about the IRC membership and changes to the IRC Operating Framework V2. More in depth discussions will be held over to the first face-to-face meeting opportunity.

The committee agreed to a process to fill the Deputy Chair vacancy as a matter of priority.

Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Catch IRC will be held towards the end of April 2020. Exact date TBC.